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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Teizo HIRAO, et al.**

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For: **SEALING BUSH FOR TUBE INSERTED THROUGH PARTITION AND
MULTI-FLASH EVAPORATOR INCORPORATING SAME**

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING REQUIREMENTS

**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

March 15, 2002

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Requirements of Application dated **January 15, 2002**, enclosed for filing is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified patent application.

Please note that the surcharge fee of **\$130.00** for filing the late Declaration was paid at the initial filing. The fees enclosed at initial filing on **November 16, 2001** were **\$1,020.00** (\$890.00 for basic filing fees, and \$130.00 for filing the late Declaration). Please note the name "Kouzi Takanabe" is a typographical error in the PCT application from which the U.S. patent application is filed. The correct spelling of Mr. Takanabe's name is "Kouji Takanabe. Enclosed are copies of a petition under 37 CFR 1.182, along with a copy of Mr. Takanabe's declaration under M.P.E.P. 605.04(c) Accompanying Petition. In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event that this response is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. This paper is filed in triplicate.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Enclosures: Notice: Declaration; Petition Under 37 CFR 1.182 (copy); Declaration Under M.P.E.P. §605.04(c) Accompanying Petition Under 37 CFR 1.182 (copy)

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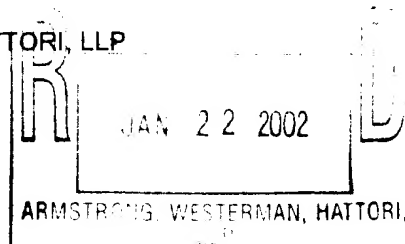


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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Priority Document
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- English Translation of the IA
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.

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